

A ball-throwing machine for propelling balls toward a batter, said machine having at least one propulsion motor for powering the propulsion of said balls toward said batter and dynamic braking means for rapidly decelerating the speed of said at least one propulsion motor.

- 32. The ball throwing machine of claim 31 including at least two linear actuators for adjusting the position of said machine to control the trajectory of said propelled balls.
- 33. The ball throwing machine of claim 32, further including a programmable controller for controlling the movement of said at least two linear actuators.
- 34 The ball throwing machine of claim 31, wherein said machine includes a power head having a center pivot about which the power head is pivoted.
- 35 The ball throwing machine of claim 34, wherein said power head includes at least one rotating wheel powered by at least one propulsion motor for propelling said balls toward said batter.

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